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January 9, 2004

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
State of Louisiana
Post Office Box 44275
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Hosston B Zone, Reservoir A, and Hosston C Zone, Reservoir
A, BEAR CREEK FIELD, Bienville Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

EL PASO PRODUCTION COMPANY ("Applicant") hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the Hosston B Zone, Reservoir A, and to the Hosston C Zone, Reservoir A, in the Bear Creek Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana:

1. To permit Applicant to drill, designate and utilize its Poole A No. 2 Well as an additional alternate unit well for HOSS B RA SUZ and for HOSS C RA SUJ at the location shown on attached plats.
2. To find that drilling, designation and use of the proposed alternate unit well is necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the Hosston B Zone, Reservoir A, and the Hosston C Zone, Reservoir A, underlying the units on which it is proposed to be drilled which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well within these units.
3. To permit the Operator of HOSS C RA SUJ to produce the allowable assigned to this unit from either the unit well, any alternate unit well, or from any combination of such wells, at the option of the Operator.
4. To consider such other matters as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the hearing.

The Hosston B Zone, Reservoir A, in the Bear Creek Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana, was initially defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 78-Q, effective February 18, 1971, and was further defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 78-Q-8, effective July 6, 1982.

The Hosston C Zone, Reservoir A, in the Bear Creek Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 78-Y, effective September 11, 1980.

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Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Louis Gilbert & Associates, Inc., 3636 N. Causeway Boulevard, Suite 204, Metairie, Louisiana 70002-7216. Any person desiring to inspect such data should call Mr. Gilbert at (504) 834-8112 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data which is not otherwise available from the records of the Louisiana Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

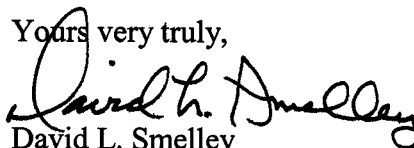
As provided by the Revised Rules of Procedure, the subject matter of this application does not require the issuance of a pre-application notice; therefore, no such notice has been issued.

Pursuant to the aforesaid Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of this letter and of the two (2) attached plats is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation and to each of the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing, and of the enclosed plats, at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Bear Creek Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, a copy of the Legal Notice will be mailed to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

A check payable to the Office of Conservation and covering the application fee is enclosed.

Yours very truly,



David L. Smelley

-- Attorney for El Paso Production Company

DLS:dp
Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encls.)
Mr. Gary Griffith (w/encls.)
Mr. Jerry McAnulty (w/encls.)
Mr. Louis Gilbert (w/encls.)
Interested Owners, Represented
Parties and Interested Parties (w/plats only)

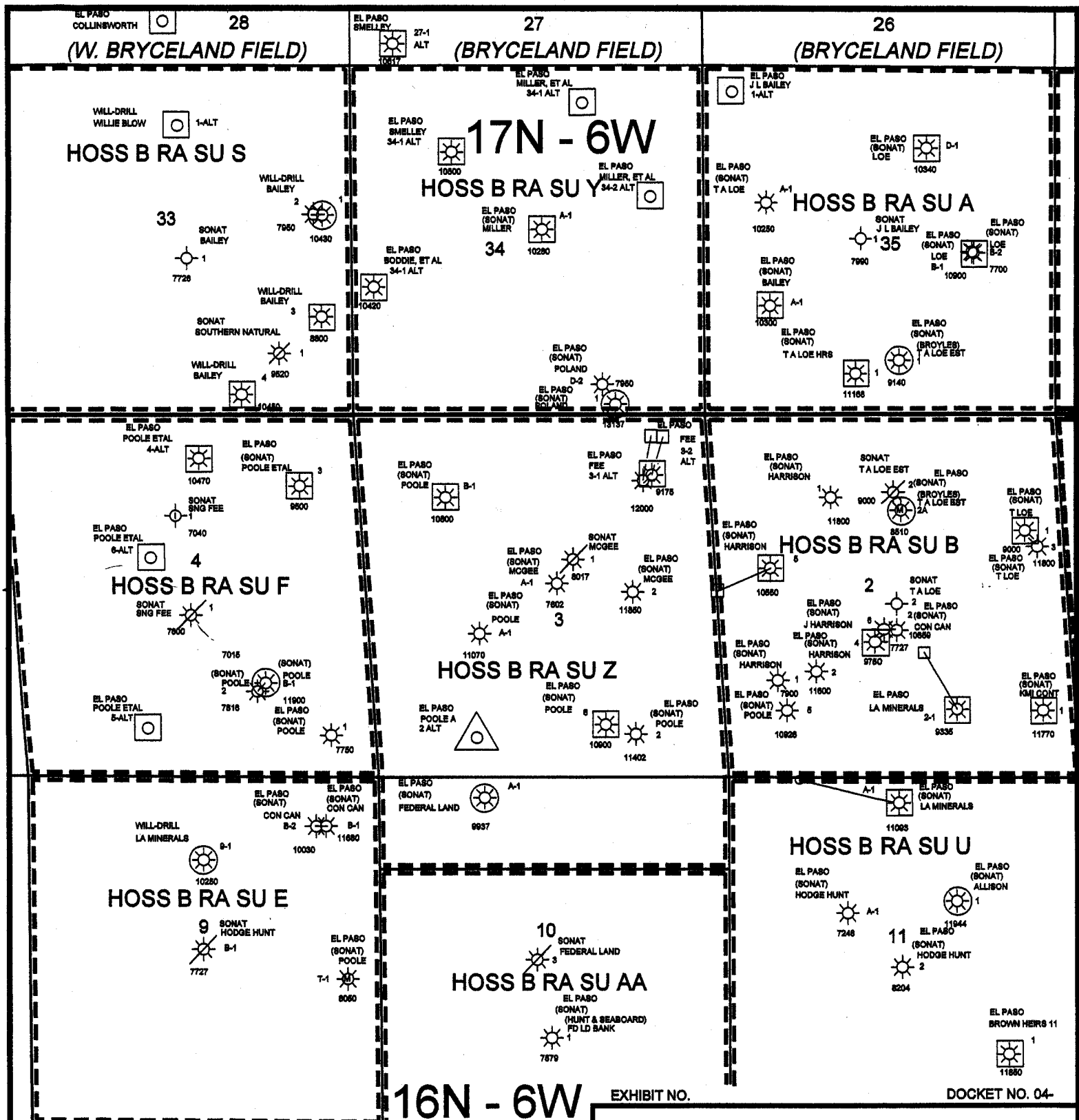


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DOCKET NO. 04-

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BEAR CREEK FIELD
BIENVILLE PARISH, LOUISIANA

PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL PLAT
HOSS B RA SU Z



LOUIS GILBERT & ASSOCIATES, INC.

LEGEND

- UNIT WELL
- EXISTING ALTERNATE UNIT WELL
- PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL

HOSSTON B, RESERVOIR A, UNITS AS PER
78-Q SERIES OF ORDERS

WELLS 7200' OR SHALLOWER
REMOVED FROM BASE

EL PASO COLLINSWORTH 28
(W. BRYCELAND FIELD)

EL PASO SMELLEY 27-1 ALT 27
(BRYCELAND FIELD)

26
(BRYCELAND FIELD)

WILL-DRILL WILLIE BLOW 1-ALT
HOSS C RA SU V

EL PASO SMELLEY 34-1 ALT 10900
17N - 6W
HOSS C RA SU N

EL PASO J.L. BAILEY 1-ALT
HOSS C RA SU F

EL PASO POOLE ETAL 4-ALT 10470
HOSS C RA SU K

HOSS C RA SU J




HOSS C RA SU H

HOSS C RA SU L

HOSS C RA SU R

HOSS C RA SU M

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LEGEND
HOSS C, RESERVOIR A, UNITS AS PER 78-Y SERIES OF ORDERS

-  UNIT WELL
-  EXISTING ALTERNATE UNIT WELL
-  PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL

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